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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 18 November 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Mr. Wisner, Mr. Amory,  
Col. White, [ ] Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [ ]  
[ ] Sheldon, [ ]

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Mr. Dulles:

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b) Referred to an article [ ]  
[ ] which indicated "World Poll Shows Only Two Favor Fighting Reds, Many  
Would Take Chance on Russian Occupation", and commented that he agreed  
with DD/P that this poll was badly handled and could do the U.S. considerable  
damage. The Director said that [ ] the new head of the  
Washington Bureau of the [ ] wanted to come in and see him and  
asked Mr. [ ] to set this up through Colonel Grogan. The Director  
indicated in all probability he would discuss this poll with [ ]

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In connection with the conduct of polls and political reporting Mr. [ ]  
commented that he believed the State Department in many cases limits its  
political reporting to information obtained in the capital of a given country without  
much reference to the grass roots, thus resulting in unbalanced viewpoints. There  
was general agreement to this and the Director said possibly there should be a  
meeting between representatives of State, USIA and CIA on this problem in order  
to insure that the U.S. receives balanced judgments. ACTION: Mr. [ ] to  
remind DCI about this.

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c) Referred to the IO memo reporting on the Moscow Youth Festival  
and commented he had read it with a great deal of interest. The Director asked  
Mr. Wisner to take up with [ ] the idea of circulating this information  
to State, Defense, USIA and others as a kind of post-mortem on the festival.  
Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested that consideration be given to sending a copy to the  
President's Board. ACTION: DD/P.

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General Cabell:

a) Reported that Messrs. Becker and Rubottom of State are in accord that the U.S. Government's anti-trust suit against the United Fruit Company be postponed until 15 March and possibly an additional delay after that date should it be determined that such action is necessary. The Director asked General Cabell to insure that there is no further action required on CIA's part.

b) Noted that General Samford is coming over Friday, 22 November, at 10:30 to discuss the revision of NSCID 9 and in all probability will stay for lunch.



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